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SUBJ: MBFR: PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF OPTION III

REF: A. USNATO 6373, 211711Z NOV 75
B. STATE 277040, 220109Z NOV 75

1. WE ARE TODAY CIRCULATING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION PAPER (TEXT IN REF A) CONTAINED IN PARAS 1 AND 2, REF B. AS PREVIOUALY REPORTED, NEXT SPC CONSIDERATION OF THE PAPER WILL BE THURSDAY, NOV 27.

2. WE NOTE THAT BELGIAN AMENDMENT TO THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA A, SECTION II OF THE PAPER SIMPLY CHANGES THE ORDER OF THE REFERENCE TO THE TANK ARMY AND COMMON CEILING, AND DOES NOT IN ANY WAY MODIFY THE ORIGINAL US PHRASE, BILATERALLY AGREED WITH THE FRG: "AGREEMENT IN PHASE I TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING ON THE
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GROUND FORCE MANPOWER OF BOTH SIDES." WE DO NOT SEE IN THIS PHRASE THE IMPLICATION THAT THE REDUCTION TO REACH THE COMMON CEILING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN PHASE I. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE RISKY FOR

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THE US TO PROPOSE AMENDING THIS PHRASE, SINCE THIS
COULD ENCOURAGE EUROPEAN ALLIES TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS
CONCERNING APPROPRIATE DEFINITION OF THE COMMON
CEILING IN PHASE I, WHICH COULD DELAY FINAL APPROVAL
OF THIS PAPER. RE THE SECOND SENTENCE IN PARA J,
SECTION III, THE SPC ACCEPTED ON NOV 20 THE
ORIGINAL FRG LANGUAGE, BILATERALLY AGREED BY THE US.
WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE US NOT INTRODUCE THE AMEND-
MENTS TO PARA A, SECTION II, AND PARA J, SECTION III,
CONTAINED IN PARA 4, REF B, UNLESS WASHINGTON

CONSIDERS THIS AMENDMENT NECESSARY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 27: GUIDANCE ON WHETHER WASHINGTON CONSIDERS IT
NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE THE AMENDMENTS IN PARA 4, REF B IN
LIGHT OF COMMENT PARA 2 ABOVE.BRUCE

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